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**VIA E-MAIL AND U.S. MAIL**

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 77 West Jackson Boulevard  
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Re: Administrative Order Pursuant to Section 106(a) of CERCLA  
 for the Matthiessen and Hegeler Zinc ("MHZ") Company  
 Site, LaSalle County, Illinois Issued to Frederick Carus

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Please be advised that the undersigned and Bryan Cave LLP represent Mr. Frederick and Mrs. Cynthia Carus in regard to the above-referenced matter. Please direct all future correspondence to Mr. or Mrs. Carus to my attention.

I further write to repeat Mr. Carus' offer, conveyed to you in our telephone discussion yesterday, to perform the asbestos and lead abatement work set forth in the Administrative Order, Docket No. VW-09-C-932 issued to Mr. Carus. As we discussed, Mr. Carus is prepared to commence this work immediately and has already engaged counsel as well as an experienced consulting engineer, Mr. Todd F. Dykton of Dykton & Associates - who performed the 2003 removal action at the former LaSalle Rolling Mills facility, to develop a scope of work and solicit bids from qualified contractors. Mr. Carus is ready, willing and able (as demonstrated from his prior remedial work at the MHZ Site) to perform this work immediately. We urge the USEPA to reconsider its position and authorize Mr. Carus to begin the abatement work.

I am in ongoing discussions with my clients and will be in further contact soon to discuss Mr. and Mrs. Carus' continued cooperation with the USEPA on other pending matters at the MHZ Site.

Very truly yours,

Brent W. Vincent

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cc: Thor W. Ketzback  
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